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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) (S/1998/834)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Angola (S/1998/838)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNHCR
2. Draft report

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

*Eighteenth meeting**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Election of other officers
5. Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of nine members of the Human Rights Committee for a term of four years
6. Election in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee, for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2000
7. Other matters

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* Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the Covenant, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are presently 140 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 94 States Parties. In the past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting. Credentials should be presented to the Secretariat before the Meeting.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session 1998

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [7] *(continued)* (E/ICEF/1998/P/L.21; *Americas and the Caribbean*: P/L.15/Add.1, P/L.29; *East Asia and the Pacific*: P/L.16/Add.1, P/L.17/Add.1, P/L.30; *South Asia*: P/L.18/Add.1, P/L.19/Add.1, P/L.31; *Middle East and North Africa*: P/L.20/Add.1, P/L.32-34; *Central Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States*: P/L.35-38)
2. Review of the consideration and approval process of country programme recommendations [8] (E/ICEF/1998/P/L.22)
3. Report on internal audit activities [9] (E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.7)
4. Financial matters [10]

   (c) GCO financial reports and statements for the year ended 30 April 1997 and for the period 1 May-31 December 1997 (E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.10 and AB/L.11)

5. Report of the first meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA CCH [11] (E/ICEF/1998/15)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 10 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
("brainstorming" session on climate change)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) will be held *today*, 10 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/53/1 and Add.1).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The third regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 14 to 16 September and 21 and 22 September 1998 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.4.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held on Friday, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (conference rooms to be announced). There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, the first on Thursday, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second on Friday, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Ayisi Makatiani (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland), Mr. Douglas Worth (United States).

Copies of papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

An informal meeting of the least developed countries will be held on Friday, 11 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the least developed countries.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Announcements

Copies of the draft programmes of work of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly are available in room S-2950. Delegations are kindly requested to take only one copy each.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Secretary-General wishes to announce that a memorial service in honour of the staff members of the United Nations system who lost their lives in the airplane crash of 2 September will be held on Friday, 11 September 1998, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

During the ceremony, the Secretary-General will offer a tribute to the deceased.

Except for places reserved for family members of those lost, seating in Conference Room 4 will be open.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

92nd plenary meeting

Floods in Bangladesh and China

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of Bangladesh and China for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent floods.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/785/Add.11) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Seychelles had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Organization of work of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences(A/52/340/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly, in order to enable the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to meet without interruption in New York from 8 to 11 September 1998, adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/52/340/Add.2) to authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Oceans and the law of the sea: law of the sea [39 (a)]:

(a) Note by the Secretary General (A/52/968);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.80)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 39 (a).

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.80.

In accordance with Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the Registrar for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.80 (resolution 52/251).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 39 and of agenda item 39 as a whole.

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields: letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/52/1022) [58]

The General Assembly took note of document A/52/1022.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58.

Introduction of the reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the First Committee on agenda items 73 and 83.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (Part II) (A/52/602/Add.1) [73]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of Part II of its report (A/52/602/Add.1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (Part II) (A/52/612/Add.1) [83]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of Part II of its report (A/52/612/Add.1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 114, and 114, 153 and 157 together, and 118.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part V) (A/52/746/Add.4) [114]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part V of its report (A/52/746/Add.4).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 114.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management; United Nations reform: measures and proposals: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/52/955/Add.1) [114,153,157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of Part II of its report (A/52/955/Add.1) (resolution 52/252).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement (also on behalf of Canada and Australia) in explanation of vote.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 114, 153 and 157.

Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/52/842/Add.2) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part III of its report (A/52/842/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 118.

The situation in Burundi [57]

The General Assembly was informed that the Assembly at its fifty-third session was expected to consider a request from Burundi to delete the item entitled "The situation in Burundi" from the agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57.

Question of Cyprus [61]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 61 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda iter 61.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration o agenda item 117 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda iten 117.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [128

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration o agenda item 128 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda iten 128.

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda [134]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration o agenda item 138 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 134.

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala [154]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 154 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 154.

Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [162]

The President informed the General Assembly that the Security Council had not been in a position to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-second session the nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda in accordance with article 12 of the Statute of the Tribunal.

The President further informed the Assembly that the item entitled "Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

between 1 January and 31 December 1994" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [163]

The President recalled that the President of the Security Council, in his letter of 27 August 1998 addressed to the President (document A/52/1023), had transmitted the text of resolution 1191 (1998) adopted by the Security Council on 27 August 1998, which, inter alia, forwarded to the Assembly the nine nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in accordance with article 13 (d) of the Statute of the Tribunal.

The Assembly decided, as Member States had not been in a position to duly consider the nine nominations in order for the Assembly to elect the three additional judges during its fifty-second session, to defer consideration of agenda item 163 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 163.

Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meetings, still remained for consideration during the fifty-second session of the Assembly:

Item 10 Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 11 Report of the Security Council

Item 16 Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

Item 20 Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 36 Question of Palestine

Item 37 The situation in the Middle East

Item 43 The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 44 The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 45 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 47 The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 104 International drug control

Item 112 Human rights questions

Item 113 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 115 Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

Item 116 Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Item 119 Pattern of conferences

Item 120 Scale of assessments for the appointment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 121 United Nations common system

Item 122 Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 123 Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

Item 124 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 125 Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 126 Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 127 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 129 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 130 Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 131 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 135 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Laws Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for the Genocide of Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 138 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 139 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

Item 140 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 141 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

Item 142 Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 143 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 159 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 161 Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The President recalled that these items had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Assembly with the exception of item 115.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fifty-second session

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

Wednesday, 9 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3923rd meeting

Expression of condolences in connection with Swissair flight 111

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an explanatory statement by the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division.

The Council adopted its report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/1998/843.

3924th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/841, which had been submitted by Costa Rica, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/841) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/841) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1194 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-third session

The temporary President, H. E. Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, Chairman of the delegation of Ukraine, declared the fifty-third session opened.

The temporary President made a statement in the course of which he invited the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Peace as proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolutions 36/67 of 30 November 1981 and 52/232 of 8 June 1998.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345)

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary General (A/53/345) concerning 19 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: China, Fiji, Jamaica, Mali, New Zealand, Russian Federation, United States, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Election of the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. H. E. Mr. Didier Opertti (Uruguay) was elected President of the fifty-third session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The Main Committees of the General Assembly held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Indonesia made a statement.

H. E. Mr. André Mernier (Belgium) was elected Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement.

Mr. Pablo Macedo (Mexico) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by acclamation.

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

H. E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) was elected Chairman of the Second Committee by acclamation.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The representative of Italy made a statement.

H. E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee by acclamation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

H. E. Mr. Movses Abelian (Armenia) was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee by acclamation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

H. E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia) was elected Chairman of the Sixth Committee by acclamation.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, China, France, Georgia, Germany, Lesotho, Liberia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States and Yemen.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298)

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/53/298) to authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to meet during the main part of the fifty-third session.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES
Substantive session 415th meeting

Adoption of the report [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, France, Austria, the United States, the Russian Federation and Belgium. The Assistant Secretary-General, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, also made a statement. The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

The Committee thus concluded its substantive session for 1998.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session 1998 18th meeting

Draft strategy on resource mobilization [5] (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, France, Switzerland, Australia and Oman

The Executive Board took note of the report and the comments made during the discussion and requested the secretariat to take the comments into account in preparing the final resource mobilization strategy.

Review of the recovery policy of UNICEF [6]

The Comptroller introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Germany, France, China, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Canada, the United Kingdom, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark), the United States, the Netherlands and Sweden, to which the Comptroller responded.

The Executive Board decided to hold informal consultations on the draft recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.6.

Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [7]

The Executive Director made introductory remarks.

The Director, Programme Division, introduced the item.

The Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and South Africa to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/1998/P/L.23 and P/L.24.

The Regional Director for West and Central Africa made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Gambia, Benin and France to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/1998/P/L.25, P/L.26, P/L.27 and P/L.28.

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